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FOLLOWING REPEAT KHARTOUM 1888 ACTION SECSTATE INFO

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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1888

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT ET

SUBJ: CISCO TWO: PLF CHIEF STATES TWO DEMANDS FOR RELEASE
OF AMERICAN PRISONERS

REF: KHARTOUM 1878

1.FRENCH JOURNALIST BITTERLIN PLAYED FOR CHARGE PORTIONS OF AMR
INTERVIEW TAPED ON AUGUST 5 WITH ISSAYAS AFWARKI, PRESIDENT OF
PLF OF THE INTERIOR.

2. INTERVIEWER ASKED AFWARKI WHAT PLF WANTED TO PROVE BY THE
KIDNAPPING. AFWARKI REPLIED THAT THE KIDNAPPING HAD BEEN DONE IN
ORDER TO CALL ATTENTION TO US AID TO THE "SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT"
IN ADDIS. HE ADDED THAT THE ARMS, BOMBS AND PLANES USED BY THE
GOVERNMENT ARE AMERICAN.

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3. ASKED WHAT THE PLF WANTS NOW, AFWARKI SAID THERE ARE TWO DEMANDS: RELEASE BY THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT OF ERITREAN PRISONERS (HE SAID PLF KNEW OF THREE HUNDRED BUT BELIEVED THERE WERE MANY MORE); AND PAYMENT BY THE US GOVERNMENT OF A RANSOM (AMOUNT NOT YET DECIDED).

4. COMMENT: INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE WITHIN A FEW MILES OF THE CAMP WHERE CAMPBELL AND HARRELL ARE HELD. BITTERLIN COULD NOT EXPLAIN WHY PLF HAD NOT ADVERTISED THEIR DEMANDS.
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